

## **Request for Information: Louisville Food System Needs**

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**Publication Date:** August 31, 2020

### **Agencies:**

Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness Center for Health Equity

### **Dates:**

Information must be submitted by September 13, 2020 at 11:59pm.

### **Comments Close:**

September 13, 2020 at 11:59pm.

**Agency:** Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness (LMPHW) Center for Health Equity (CHE)

**Summary:** The Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness Center for Health Equity seeks comment from the public on issues and challenges with Louisville’s food system and a \$3.5 million bond allocation from the Louisville Metro Council for a community grocery.

**Addresses:** Comments on this Request for Information can be provided at <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5771845/Community-Grocery-RFI> or by mail addressed to:

ATTN: Center for Health Equity  
Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness  
400 E Gray Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

**Supplementary Information:**

- Louisville Metro Council [FY 2020-2021 Capital Budget](#)
- Snapshots of grocery outlets and other determinants
  - [Food retail locations and percent of households with no vehicle access](#) (West Louisville)
  - [Food retail locations and percent of households with no vehicle access](#) (Jefferson County)
  - [Food retail locations and percent of population in poverty](#)
- More information on food systems and health from past LMPHW Health Equity Reports at [www.healthequityreport.com](http://www.healthequityreport.com).

**Public Input:**

Through this RFI, CHE is seeking input from residents, organizations, and other entities that capture the realities of Louisville’s food system and food insecurity.

Specifically, we seek input on your challenges and recommendations on accessing healthy, affordable food, and accessing a grocery store. In this regard, please keep in mind the following:

- If you have multiple needs, concerns and/or recommendations, you may make multiple submissions.
- For the purposes of this RFI, “food insecurity” means the disruption of food intake or eating patterns because of lack of money and other resources, anxiety over food sufficiency or shortage of food in the house and resulting in disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.

**How the information will be used:**

The Center for Health Equity will review all responses. Our goal is to learn about the visions of residents in the current context for a thriving food ecosystem so decision-makers in Louisville

Metro Government and Louisville Metro Council can better understand how the community envisions overall needs and supports for residents.

The Center for Health Equity will highlight insights from this RFI to the Metro Council on issues related to Louisville's food system and ideas from the public on improving this system across the community. While we may not be able to include all recommendations and feedback into a formal presentation, all responses will be provided to the Council.

Finally, the Center for Health Equity is planning for the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) in alignment with the Louisville Metro Council's \$3.5 million allocation for a community grocery. Responses specifically related to the community grocery allocation of \$3.5 million will be used to inform the crafting of the grocery RFP.

**Submission Questions:**

- 1) How should Louisville Metro Government support the reduction of food insecurity for Louisville residents?
- 2) The Louisville Metro Council has allocated \$3.5 million in the Fiscal Year 21 (FY21) Capital Budget to support the development of a grocery in an "underserved area." (See the exact language in the Supplementary Information section in the Capital Budget document.) This store would be placed in an area of the county where getting to a grocery store and/or accessing affordable food is not the easy choice.
  - a. Given those guidelines, what are important considerations for developing a grocery store? This can include location, ownership and operations model, and more.
  - b. What suggestions do you have to make sure this grocery store meets the needs of community, including ensuring healthy food is available and affordable for residents?
- 3) What ZIP code do you live in?

**Please note:**

This RFI is being issued for information and planning purposes only, including to define the parameters of an RFP and support ongoing communications for Metro Council. It should not be construed as a solicitation or an obligation on the part of Louisville Metro Government, the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness, or its Center for Health Equity (CHE). CHE does not intend to issue any grant or contract awards based on responses to this invitation, or to otherwise pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the department's use of such information.

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**How to Submit a Response to this RFI:** Comments on this Request for Information can be provided at <https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/5771845/Community-Grocery-RFI> or by mail addressed to:

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**Submission Due Date:** Sunday, September 13, 2020, at 11:59pm.

**For Further Information:** Visit the Center for Health Equity website at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/center-health-equity> or email [healthequity@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:healthequity@louisvilleky.gov) or call 502-574-5883.